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1. Under the Chinese Communist rule in Northeast China, order is so rigidly maintained that no one dares express an opinion against the government. Particularly dreaded are the Law Enforcement Unit and its plain-clothes squads, which have an important part in security observation. Plain-clothes men are spotted in public places such as amusement centers, rail-way stations, and trains and may arrest anyone on suspicion. Those ar-rested are immediately taken either to Law Enforcement Headquarters or to the Public Security Bureau for thorough checking and investigation.
2. Law Enforcement personnel are particularly feared because they engage in blackmailing and accept bribes. They can easily have anyone sent off to a collective farm in northern Manchuria by charging him with being "reaction-ary", "non-progressive", or "of questionable political reliability".
3. Security agents appear to work frequently at night; they are reported even to climb onto roofs to eavesdrop on conversations within houses. Any house which shows a light after midnight may experience a surprise investigation by police. Special checks are also made on listening to short-wave broadcasts.

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